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GOD forbid that we should be drawn into war but if we should be, America would seem once more to shake herself out of a dream to say, 'Did any man deem that we were asleep? Did any man deem that we had forgotten the traditions of America? Did any man deem that he could tamper with the honor or integrity of the United States?' And in the great voice of national enthusiasm which would be raised, all the world would stand once more thrilled to hear the voice of the new world asserting the standards of justice and liberty.—PRESIDENT WILSON.

SPEAKING CAMPAIGN NEXT.

SPEAKERS who are well acquainted with the details of the water bond proposition, the proposed issue of sewer bonds and the \$15,000 in bonds for the Provident Association and Day Nursery, will hold meetings from this time on until the close of the campaign. All the voters in the city should attend these meetings.

One of the principal reasons for carrying the bond election at this time is because it is the last time it will be placed before the people for a number of years. Bond elections are expensive, and it is not likely that another will be held for many years, should this one fail. In the meanwhile the city will be greatly handicapped and its natural growth will be retarded. It has almost reached the point now where growth will have to cease unless more water is provided.

The sewer bonds are of equal importance, for a portion of the city is desperately in need of sewers. This is especially true of Capitol Hill, one of the most beautiful sections of the city. It will become a more beautiful residence place and will be greatly improved if the sewer bond proposition is carried.

Building is going on in different parts of the city, and any voter who will make a journey around will understand at once that a city of this size cannot depend on the flow of the Canadian through all seasons of the year for its water supply.

Old guard leaders are declaring that they will control the republican national convention and that there is little danger of a stampede to Roosevelt. They have looked at the colonel's club and say they are not afraid of it.

ALL MEXICANS ARE ALIKE.

PRECAUTIONS are being taken by the war department for the protection of Americans along the border of Mexico, following the report that there was to be a general uprising there and that attacks would be made on citizens on this side. The precautions are not being taken any too soon.

Everything indicates that this government will have to broaden the scope of its operations in Mexico before quiet along the border is restored. It is even possible that there will have to be general intervention, although it may be possible to avoid it by patrolling for a considerable time the American side.

This has been made necessary by the proof that all Mexicans are very much alike. In some respects many resemble the followers of Pancho Villa, at least to the extent that they must be regarded with suspicion, and that watch must be kept on them. It has also been shown conclusively, that First Chief Carranza cannot even control his own troops, much less the Villa outfit and other bands now running loose south of the Rio Grande.

While all this is going on, congress still haggles over the army measure and pacifics go up and down with the contention that the United States does not need an army. The fact is that this country may soon become involved in a war with Mexico, and it is not prepared.

The war of 1842, the Seminole war, the former Mexican war, the civil strife and the Spanish war all found us unprepared. We do not, as a nation, learn much from experience.

MUTT AND JEFF—It Looks Like it Was up to Pearl's and Ruby's Father to Defend the Country.

CAN WILHELM MAKE GOOD?

GERMANY has promised to modify its submarine warfare and comply with the international law in the future, provided that England observes certain rules and regulations alleged to have been violated in the past. Germany also promised to "draw the consequences resulting therefrom" should it turn out that the submarine commander was wrong in assuming the *Sussex* to be a man of war.

Since then another Berlin note has admitted the sinking of the *Sussex*, the commander of the submarine has been punished, and promise of reparation has been made. What kind of punishment was meted out to the commander who murdered the passengers aboard the *Sussex*? Did he escape with a slip on the wrist?

If that is the case, not much confidence will be placed in the German promises. There will be very little confidence placed in the agreement to cease submarine warfare on the vessels of nations taking no part in the war. Violations of that law with such punishment as Germans may inflict on the offenders may not be at all satisfactory, and eventually we may be just where we started.

Germany's submarines are bigger, faster and far more deadly than they were at the beginning of the war. They have been improved greatly and the periscope has been done away with. Secretary Lansing said nearly a month ago that the submarine cannot be controlled by international law. It is out of sight and beyond control. Therefore it is doubtful if Kaiser Wilhelm will be able to live up to his promises to President Wilson, even should he desire to do so.

Illinois suffragists are unable to agree on whether they shall wear 10-cent or \$10 hats in the great parade next month. Why not fix the 10-cent hats to look like \$10 hats and let it go at that?

MAJOR MORAHT IS BOASTFUL.

MAJOR MORAHT, military critic of the *Tageblatt*, writes that the German siege at Verdun has only been preliminary up to this time, for the purpose of taking the smaller fortresses, and that the great drive is yet to be made.

While it is true that this military critic is much nearer the scene and is in a position to know more of the facts, yet he will find it very difficult to convince the world that he is speaking the truth. The conviction is general that the German army, under the direction of the crown prince, has up to this time been doing its very best to reach Verdun. It is generally believed that the Germans have suffered frightful losses there, and that after weeks of the most terrific carnage they have made no material gains.

Even more, it is generally believed that the French are able to stand their ground as long as Germany remains to fight. There have been occasions when the French took the offensive at Verdun and drove the Germans back.

There can be no reflections cast on the quality of force of the attacks made by the Germans. Thousands upon thousands have sacrificed their lives and the artillery used has been the greatest in all the world. The Germans have simply met a resistless force in the French, and the indications are that it will continue to be just as restless in the future.

Churches which refuse women the right to vote were criticized by the suffrage conference at Minneapolis, and the criticism hits the right spot. Since the women keep the churches going, why shouldn't they vote in their affairs?

KINDNESS AND THE COW.

PROFESSORS in the University of Arkansas are urging that owners of cows show kindness to their animals, as one of the requisites for obtaining the maximum amount of fluid for butter making. Kindness is one of the things a cow requires and must have if she is a good milker.

Even when the owner is kicked through the side of a barn by the refractory cow he should arise, brush the dirt and other debris from his clothing, comb his hair with a pocket comb carried for the purpose, and after making himself as presentable as possible, approach again with a smiling face.

In the course of time any cow will appreciate such persistency and give more milk. Should she break his arm or leg or fracture a few ribs, continued kindness will eventually convince her that she is pursuing the wrong course and she will be willing to make reparation.

Speaking generally, kindness to a cow is the best policy, but it is well to remember that there are cows of different natures. Kindness wins with some of them. In the case of others, it would be just as profitable to show kindness to a shark.

Patty Sunday told the students at the Kansas university that he would fight sin until the lower regions froze over and then go after it on a pair of skates, and the students voted that his language was classic. It wasn't original, however.

If the love system has been powerful enough to cause the evolution of the

Walt Mason's
Prose Poem

THIS WORLD.

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Oh, Narcissus.

Bits of By Play

BY LORE MCCLURE

Ho, Hum!

Some men look to the morrow with noisy anticipation, but what we started to say was that A. Daily Day of Chicago, Ill., finds life just one darn twenty-four hours after another.

Things to Worry About.

A tortoise can't sit down.

Names Is Names.

L. M. Strain lives at Crossville, Ohio.

Our Daily Special.

An ounce of prevention is better than a ton of explanation.

Luke McClure Says

Maybe the Common Peasant would have more faith in the Emperor who brings messages that will save them from themselves, if the Emperor didn't take up a collection with such mucky ways.

It is a good thing that we can't read each other's minds. If we could, the country wouldn't sell one marriage license in a year.

There wouldn't be any east or living in Adam's time. Eve could always take one of her old skirts and turn it into a nice dash of salad.

Any way, a thin girl gets some consideration out of the knowledge that her ankles are not made for her look as if she ought to be hauling a coal wagon.

You can tell the age of a lady dog or a horse by looking at her teeth. But nature was mighty kind to the lady horse.

A man gets an idea that he is a regular Don Wan and he will buy you a drink if you call him a dog. But hell won't be rapt on the nose if you call him a smoking cur.

If a boy learned everything else as easily as he learns curse words his education would be completed in two years.

If a man has good luck for twenty-nine days and a little bad luck on the thirtieth day, he will spend all his time calling about the bad luck he had that month.

The trouble with the man who limits himself to ten drinks a day is that he forgets to count after he has had nine drams.

And you had better look out for your last nine, where she starts calling you by your first name.

The old-fashioned man who believed that the Tugboat was invincible, now has a son who belongs to the Anti-Prohibition League.

You may have noticed that the man who has a 50-cent sandwich is the only one who can use the whole 50 and not say a thing.

Why is it that when you have nine dimes and a penny in your pocket, and you fish for your car fare, you always bring out the pennies? And why is it that when you have nine pennies and a dime in your pocket, and you fish for your penny to get a paper, you always bring up a dime?

That's Hicks.

And this blame Hick.

Won't be corrected.

He always says.

She's dark complexion.

—S. R. T.

Thank.

Miss Annie Verney of Banditown, Ky., has invited the club to attend her next birthday party.

No, We Didn't.

Dear Luke, Did you know that Alice R. Cox is librarian of the Mercantile Library in Cincinnati? —L. T. B.

But Old Man Badrum Is Always on Us.

John.

Luke McLuke, local Prohibitionist is moving to Georgia. Mrs. Goodrum is no more.—Houston Post.

On, Joy!

Hey, Luke. Shad Stringer wants to go fishing with you this summer. He runs a hotel at Beaverton, Penn.—A. F. P.

The children person sought to cheer the parent of an overbearing household. Mr. Sam, you must learn to be content." "I am," he said. "Mothers are never without bread to fill them."

"Maybe you are right," said the patriarch, "but the mouths are all sent to our house, and the bread to yours."

Mrs. Coney had a new maid and while she was on a day's motor trip she ventured to leave the children in charge of the girl.

"Well, Annie," asked the mistress on her return, "how did the children behave during my absence?" "Nicely," said the maid.

"Nicely, mean?" replied the girl. "But at the end they fought terribly."

"Fought!" exclaimed Mrs. Coney.

"Why, Annie, why did they fight?"

"To decide," said Annie, "which was the best bread for tea."

Many a southern darky's mind is stored with bits of philosophy that are frequently as true as they are quaint. Here is an instance:

"Well, suds," said the old man, gravely, when I asked my back for credit I git it."

Then putting his stomach, he added:

"But du hash, suds, du hash always calms for cash."

Wilson Marvin drove into town this morning with a load of wheat. About five miles out he lost the endgate from his wagon, and before he discovered the loss he had lost ten bushels of good wheat worth a dollar a bushel. He says that it is the duty of someone to feed the hogs which is a cheerful way to look at it.—Norton (Kan.) Telegram.

Can you suggest a good motto to hang up in the dining room?" asked the boarding house mistress.

How about "Forgive us this day our daily bread?" suggested the man who was going to have the next day anyhow.

Uncle, I asked, why didn't you

poach your money on a warm coat instead of all that bacon?"

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BY BUD FISHER

Echoes from Hotel Lobbies

Lilliston, Okla.
MAY 2, 1916.

Dear Mr. Fisher
Will you please
send Mutt and Jeff
to catch Villa and
all them bad men so
our papa won't have
to go. We are little girls
age 6 and 9 years.
Ruby and Pearl
Gregory.

SEE THAT LETTER
FROM TWO INNOCENT
AMERICAN CHILDREN.
ASKING US TO DEFEND
OUR COUNTRY SO THAT
THEIR FATHER NEED
NOT BE SACRIFICED!
IT'S OUR DUTY TO DO.

BUT I'M
ALSO A
FATHER.

I'LL GO LIKE A MAN, CROSS
THE BORDER AND DIE IF
NEED BE TO PREVENT
THE NEXT GENERATION
OF OUR NATION GOING
FATHERLESS.

WELL, DON'T
BLAME ME
IF I ONLY
PUT
DANDELIONS
ON YOUR
GRAVE INSTEAD
OF ORCHIDS.

—Suds.

DOLLY DAY.

—Suds.

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HEY, WHO'S
GONNA PROTECT
OUR COUNTRY?

AW, LET
THEIR FATHER
DO IT!